

300CE
CABRIOLET



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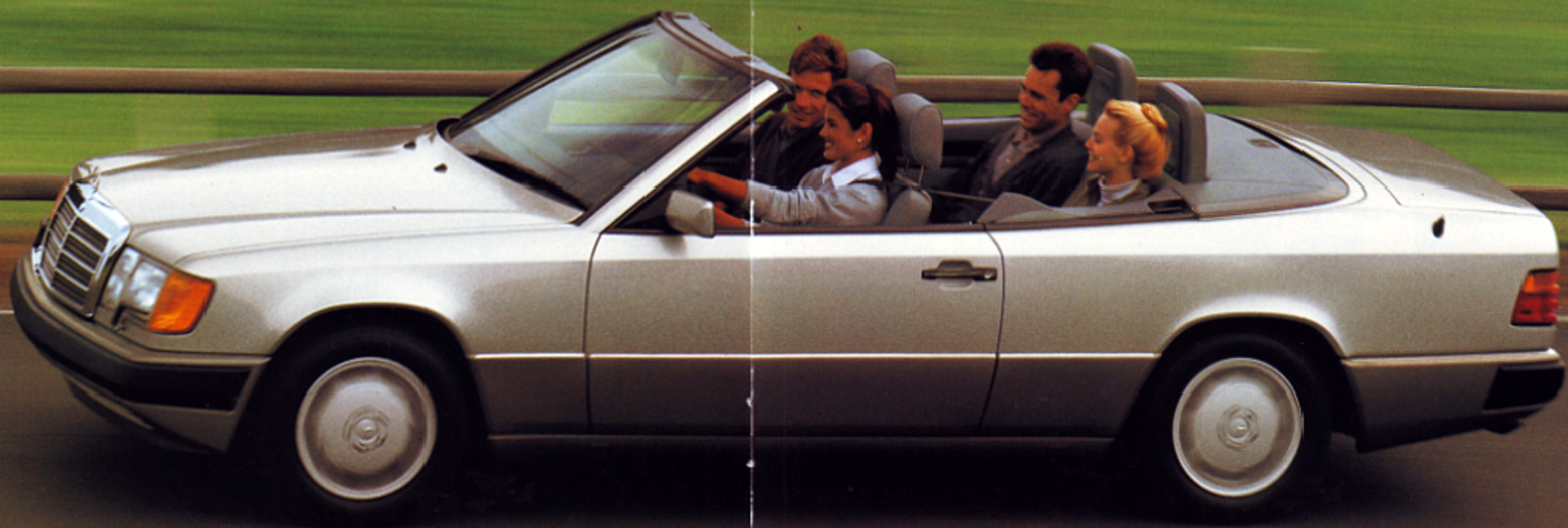
After an absence of over 20 years, there's a sleek, new four-place Mercedes-Benz Cabriolet. All the unique structural and styling goals of an open vehicle have been brilliantly accommodated in the 300CE Cabriolet. The insulated, electro-hydraulic soft top with heated glass rear window provides the ambience of a closed coupe.

Few automobiles can claim to be instant classics: the thrilling new 300CE Cabriolet might be one of them. Share the exhilaration of top-down driving with three fortunate passengers, then, when you choose, enjoy the snug comfort provided by a well-insulated soft top. The 300CE Cabriolet is powered by a dual overhead camshaft 24-valve 6-cylinder engine which delivers 217 hp for brilliant, responsive performance. Convenience items include automatic front seat-belt presenters, power windows with one-touch-down feature for both front windows, and electro-hydraulic soft top operation. Many subtle body refinements give the Cabriolet a more elongated and sleek appearance, with a top-up drag coefficient of only 0.32. Unbridled fun combined with a host of conveniences: that's what the new 300CE Cabriolet delivers.



A sophisticated 3.2-liter 6-cylinder engine blends exhilaration and acceleration.

Cruising with the top down, all
four occupants can relax
and enjoy the scenery — and the
superb comfort which comes
from an intelligently appointed
and carefully crafted interior.



**THE 300CE CABRIOLET:
A STRONG, BEAUTIFUL BODY
CRAFTED FOR FOUR**



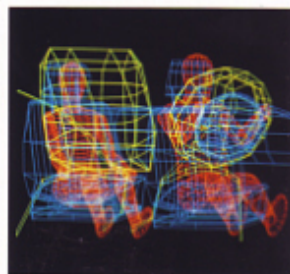
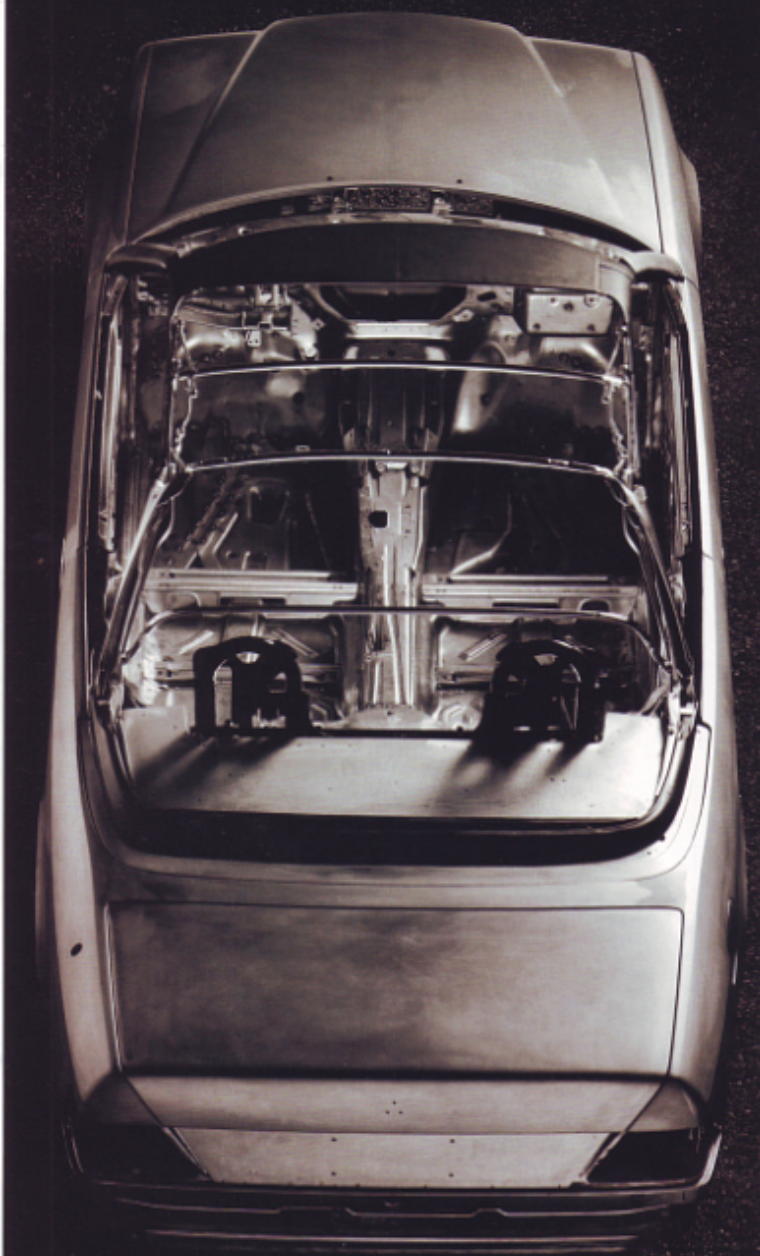
Just release two latches and touch a button: a self-regulating power drive system does the rest.

Strong, safety-engineered bodies are a Mercedes-Benz tradition as proud as potent engines and trend-setting styling. The Mercedes-Benz 300CE Cabriolet has the solid feel of a closed car. That is because its floor, transmission tunnel, structure around the doors, front windshield frame and convertible top storage area are all specifically designed to provide extra rigidity, and a cast-aluminum brace runs behind the instrument panel to further strengthen the dashboard area. The 300CE Cabriolet uses innovative vibration dampers in the engine compartment, the trunk and the windshield frame to help provide a more quiet, comfortable ride. The contoured rear soft top storage compartment adds to body rigidity and gives a fine, finished appearance when the top is down. The cover also maintains the elegant lines of the 300CE Cabriolet.

Almost an inch of fiber insulation between the durable top fabric and the full inner headliner helps assure that the occupants are comfortable in all kinds of weather.



Additional interior comfort comes from the superb strength of the 300CE Cabriolet body. Typical Mercedes safety features include front and rear crumple zones and provisions for distributing and managing some of the forces of offset frontal collisions. Top up or down, the 300CE Cabriolet is a versatile, sporty vehicle with the engineering advances and amenities for which Mercedes-Benz is famous.



The tubular steel roll bar, which also contains padded head restraints for the rear-seat passengers, is designed to deploy automatically in the event of a rollover or during certain frontal, side and rear impacts.* Standard SRS air bags for driver and passenger also add to your sense of security.

* THE ROLL BAR SHOULD ALWAYS BE RAISED WHEN THERE ARE REAR-SEAT PASSENGERS. The roll bar can improve the level of rollover protection over that of a vehicle without one. But no system, regardless of how sophisticated, can eliminate the chance of injury in an accident. Always wear your seat belt.

SPECIFICATIONS



300CE CABRIOLET

ENGINE & DRIVETRAIN

ENGINE TYPE	DOHC 24-valve in-line 6-cylinder
FUEL & IGNITION SYSTEMS	HFM fully electronic fuel injection and ignition with anti-knock feature
FUEL TYPE	Premium unleaded gasoline
DISPLACEMENT (cu in./cm ³)	195.2/3,199
NET POWER (hp/kW @ rpm)	217/162 @ 5,500
NET TORQUE (lb-ft/N-m)	229/310 @ 3,750
COMPRESSION RATIO	10.0:1
MAXIMUM ENGINE SPEED (rpm)	6,400
BATTERY	12V/62 Ah
TRANSMISSION	4-speed automatic
REAR AXLE RATIO	2.65:1
FUEL CAPACITY (tank-reserve, gal./l.)	18.5-2.9/70.0-11.0
OIL CAPACITY (std./lt.)	7.9/8.8
COOLANT CAPACITY (std./lt.)	10.0/10.5

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BODY CONSTRUCTION	Monocoque
FRONT SUSPENSION	Independent damper struts with separate coil springs, triangular lower control arms with anti-dive geometry, antiroll bar, negative offset steering
REAR SUSPENSION	Independent multi-link geometry for anti-roll, antisquat and alignment control, coil springs, antiroll bar, single-tube gas-pressurized shock absorbers
STEERING	Power assisted recirculating-ball with hydraulic steering damper
TIRES & WHEELS	195/65 ZR15 steel-belted radial & 16.5 x 15 aluminum alloy
BRAKING SYSTEM	2-circuit hydraulic power-assisted 4-wheel disc brakes with ventilated front discs and Antilock Braking System (ABS); foot-operated parking brake

DIMENSIONS

0-60-mph PERFORMANCE (sec)*	8.6
CURB WEIGHT (lb./kg)	4,025/1,825
WHEELBASE (in./mm)	106.9/2,715
OVERALL LENGTH (in./mm)	183.9/4,670
OVERALL HEIGHT (in./mm)	54.8/1,391
OVERALL WIDTH (in./mm)	68.5/1,740
TRACK (in./mm)	59.1/1,501 front; 58.7/1,491 rear
TURNING CIRCLE (ft./m)	36.1/11.0
TRUNK CAPACITY (cu ft./m ³)	10.5/0.300
COEFFICIENT OF DRAG	0.32

*Stated rates of acceleration are based upon manufacturer's track results and may vary depending upon model, environmental and road surface conditions, driving style, altitude above sea level and vehicle load.

SELECTED OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT



Cellular telephone (dealer-installed)



CD changer (dealer-installed)



Automatic Slip Control (ASC)



Orthopedic seats

A variety of options makes the Mercedes-Benz 300CE Cabriolet even more comfortable and convenient.